**TAM WORK PARTIES & EVENTS**

**Saturday, May 7—Green Up Day**
TAM Trail Heads’ spruce up. Meet at Wright Park parking lot at 8:00 am. Green –Up bags and gloves provided. Led by MALT Staff.

**Sunday, May 22—Neighborhood Spring Clean-Up & Green Up in Otter View Park**
Pull weeds, mulch, and tidy the garden beds. Help renovate the native plantings. Light trail work. Bring your own snippers, trowels, rakes and buckets. Meet at OVP at 1:00 pm.

**Saturday, June 4—National Trails Day**
Work on graveling wet areas, bridge repair, or clearing trail. 9:00 am–12 noon. Call for location. 388-1007.

**September 16 and 25—United Way Day of Caring**
Work Project on the TAM. Sign up at www.unitedwayaddisoncounty.org.

**TAM Trek Sunday, September 25 at 10:00 am**
MALT’s Eighth Annual Trail Around Middlebury Hike-Run-Bike-a-Thon, to benefit trail maintenance and improvement activities. Hike a little or a lot, every step makes a difference! Meet at the Marbleworks’ Green across from Noonies. For event registration materials go to MALT’s website: www.maltvt.org.

**The Trail Around Middlebury (TAM) was designed and is maintained by member supported:**

**MIDDLEBURY AREA LAND TRUST**
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Conserving Land for Our Community’s Future

Please support our locally-owned, small-business Hikes and Outings sponsors!

**Middlebury Area Land Trust’s Hikes and Outings on the Trail Around Middlebury and Conserved Lands April to October 2011**

**MALT’s Hikes and Outings Series is Co-Sponsored by these non-profit organizations:**

**Otter Creek Audubon Society**
South Lake Champlain Trust

Please call MALT with questions regarding the hikes and outings. 802-388-1007

TAM Maps are available at our website or stop by the office to pick up a copy.
Join us for educational and informative outings April through October

Excursions feature different sections of the Trail Around Middlebury (TAM) and other conserved lands. Hikes are led by enthusiastic naturalist educators and volunteers and feature a variety of habitats, natural areas, and wildlife.

Many of our events are collaborations with other conservation organizations. We are truly grateful to these groups that are doing excellent environmental work in Addison County and beyond!

Families are especially encouraged to join in on the outings. Come outside and explore these natural areas and their inhabitants with knowledgeable and engaging leaders.

Participants meet at listed locations.

Please note: start times vary!

Most hikes return to the starting point via a loop or retracing of the original path.

Hikes will be approximately two and one half hours in length and easy to moderate in difficulty. We will take time to learn and explore as we go. Please, no pets!

NOTES
- All hikes are free and open to the public, a $5 suggested donation is appreciated.
- Participants are encouraged to wear sturdy foot gear. All walks and hikes traverse various terrain and trail conditions may vary based on the weather.
- Hikes take place rain or shine. Approximate length of each hike is two miles.
- These are hiking trails, not paved walkways and are not recommended for strollers.

Forays with Frost
Saturday, April 23 at 9am
Led by Nola Kevra, Nola’s Secret Garden.
Learn about Robert Frost’s poems as you hike the area around his Ripton cabin. This will be about 5 miles, and moderate terrain. Some healthy and locally grown snacks will be provided. This program starts at a private residence; please call the MALT office for directions. 388-1007.

Family Bird Quest
Saturday, July 9 at 10:00 am
Led by Carol Ramsayer, Otter Creek Audubon Society member. Join us as we explore this self-guided scavenger hunt about birds in Wright Park. Quests are place-based educational programs using treasure hunts to celebrate community, natural history, cultural sites, stories and special places. Meet at Wright Park lot north of Pulp Mill Bridge on Seymour St. Ext.

Wetland Plants
Saturday, June 25 at 10:00 am
Led by Shelley Gustafson, Consulting Wetland Scientist, Shelley Gustafson Environmental Visit one of MALT’s new conservation easement properties in Cornwall. This gorgeous land is part of the Beaver Brook watershed and is home to a varied abundance of wild animals and plants. This program takes place at a private residence. Please call MALT office for directions. 388-1007.

Construction by Castor canadensis.
Saturday, August 20 or 27 (TBA)
Led by Nola Kevra, Nola’s Secret Garden. An off trail hike to a beaver pond in Ripton. Come see the wonderful skills that beavers use to modify their environment, and make homes for many animals. Easy, flat hike, distance can change to suit hikers. This program starts at a private residence; please call the office for directions. 388-1007.

Wildlife Walks
Meet at 7:30 am alternate Thursdays or Saturdays in the second week of each month
Otter Creek Audubon Society and Middlebury Area Land Trust invite community members to help us survey birds and other wildlife of the marshes and meadows of Otter View Park and the Hardgrass. Shorter and longer route options possible. Otter View Park’s main trail and board walk are ADA accessible. Meet at Otter View Park at the corner of Weybridge Street and Pulp Mill Bridge Road.
Thursday, May 12 Saturday, August 13
Saturday, June 11 Thursday Sept 8
Thursday, July 14 Saturday Oct 8

Hike Through History
Saturday, September 10 at 9 am

Bicycle Tour of MALT Conserved Properties
Saturday, October 1 at 9:00 am
Led by David Hallam, Member and volunteer of M-ALT. Take a 20-25 mile bike ride around the scenic Middlebury area, and visit many of our conserved properties. There will be plenty of small breaks. Rain date will be Saturday, October 8. Preregistration required, call MALT office for meeting place 388-1007.

In collaboration with:

OTTER CREEK AUDUBON SOCIETY
A Vermont Chapter of the National Audubon Society

Warbler Warmup
Sunday, May 8 at 7:30am
Ron Payne and Warren King will lead a search for newly arrived spring Migrants. Hone your birding identification skills before leaf-out. Also co-sponsored by The Watershed Center. Meet at the Bristol Waterworks, Plank Road east of North Street, Bristol. Call Warren at 388-4082 if in doubt about the weather.

Forest Birds QUEST
at Wright Park, everyday May 1—October 31, 2010.
Self-guided, walking adventure focusing on birds and their habitats. Ends with the discovery of a treasure box! A set of clues and site map are located at the trailhead. Particularly appropriate for young families. Wright Park is located at the end of Seymour Street Extension, turn north just before the Pulp Mill covered bridge in Middlebury.

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